



Yearly Online Ethics Course

We will once again be utilizing YQCA, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, for our ethics requirement. This is an annual course that is taken online and must be completed at any time before June 30, 2020. Once you have passed the course you will receive a certificate of completion. The certificate number will be required to complete your entries for the 2020 Stanislaus County Fair. No entries will be accepted without a VALID certificate number. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Who has to take it: YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal wellbeing and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry. All Junior Livestock exhibitors (excluding those horse, cavies and dogs) must take the online YQCA course.

To register: Go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> and make an account. You will need to make a separate account for each exhibitor (siblings cannot take the course together; they will each need an individual certificate to enter at the fair). The course is \$12 per exhibitor. YQCA does offer coupon codes that are one-time use codes that cover the registration costs. You can find more information about the coupon codes here: <http://yqca.org/buy-coupons/>

More about YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. YQCA is the result of a collaborative effort between states that have previously offered multi-species youth livestock quality assurance programs, the National Pork Board's Youth PQA Plus program and representatives from other national livestock groups.

More about the Online Course: The online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge builder, 2) skills lab and 3) quiz for each content topic and are designed specifically for each age group. To fulfill their year of training, youth will complete three of these online modules. The knowledge builder allows students to learn new information in an engaging, age-appropriate and interactive format. Students can read content, watch videos, analyze pictures, and practice skills while progressing through a series of interactive content components. Skills labs offer realistic situational opportunities for youth to apply the new knowledge gained in the knowledge builder. These labs take students through a comprehensive journey of the content, requiring them to apply skills and make decisions resembling those they will face in real life. The quiz is the final piece of the online learning experience, testing student's overall knowledge of the content. Students can receive immediate feedback or see their results at the conclusion of the quiz. A pass rate of 80% has been established with students being able to repeat the module if needed.